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1. LU Ting-yi (陸定一), a native of Kiangsu Province, was born in 1907. He is a graduate of Southeast University; he also studied at the University of Moscow. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1924. He took part in the "long march".

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2. LU has held the titles and positions of Propaganda Chief of the Chinese Communist Armies, Chief of the Publicity Department of the Party. He is a member of the Central Committee and is the Chief of the Information and Propaganda Department of the Chinese Communist Party. He is now living in Yen-an. He was one of the Chinese Communist delegates to the Political Consultative Conference and the Constitutional Committee in Chungking during the early months of 1946. He speaks English and Russian rather well.

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3. LU was one of the three leading figures (along with CHOU En-lai and TUNG Pi-wu) of the Communist negotiators in Chungking and Nanking during the first seven months of the Marshall Mission. LU worked very hard during the Chungking negotiations and continued to do so when the government moved to Nanking. He flew back to Yen-an with CHOU En-lai in General Marshall's plane about June 15, at the time the truce was declared. LU is an intelligent and capable man. He is highly respected by Americans who have worked with him. Fellow Communists (such as KUNG P'eng, CH'IAO Mu, CH'EN

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Chia-k'ang and KAO Chi) like him better than TUNG Pi-wu.

4. LU is a very small man, about five feet-three inches tall, about 125 pounds in weight. He wears heavy black old-style hornrimmed glasses. He has a very infectious laugh and most Americans notice this and always comment on how much they like his laugh. He is very effervescent in his speech and can easily hold an interviewer's interest and attention.

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5. At the time of the Paris Peace Conference the Chinese Communist Party advocated sending a delegate from their party to the conference. This person was to have been TUNG Pi-wu. [REDACTED] At that time General CHOU En-lai was ab-25X1A6 sent from Peking and TUNG was the acting spokesman of the party and CHOU's chief assistant. LU was very unhappy about the thought of his possible return to Nan-king which would have been necessary had TUNG been sent to the Conference. In-terviewed in Yen-an at this time, LU said that he was very discouraged and that he felt there would be no peaceful settlement with the Kuomintang. He stated that he "had led guerilla forces during the war against the Japanese and (he) was prepared to lead them now against the Nationalist forces".

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6. Every official Chinese Communist Party organ regardless of location in China and Manchuria has an individual "editing board" which passes on articles being published by its paper. Each of these boards has a certain amount of responsibility to LU. If one of these organs publishes an article which deviates from the Party "line" or if LU decides that any of the Party papers are not conforming to the ideas of the Party, then LU will submit his complaint and recommendation (for sus-pension or reprimand) to the Central Committee of the Party in Yen-an. The deci-sion of this committee is then handled by LU. LU, as an individual, does not have the power to suppress any of the party organs. P'ING Hsueh-p'ei, Central Govern-ment Minister of Information, possibly has this power; but usually the order to suppress a paper in Nationalist China comes from the Generalissimo or some other high government official.

The Chieh Fang Jih Pao (Liberation Daily 解放日報) in Yen-an and Ch'un Chung (The Masses 群衆) in Shanghai are examples of official organs of the Chinese Communist Party. The China Digest, English-language fortnightly maga-zine published in Hongkong, is an example of a sponsored pro-Communist magazine which is not an official party organ. This magazine is directed by KUNG P'eng and CH'IAO Mu and is legally registered with the Hongkong government.

LU realizes that Chinese Communist propaganda is very effective on the mass of the Chinese people, but very bad in its effect on foreign countries and only partially effective on English-speaking Chinese. The greatest deficiencies in the present propaganda-press organization of the Communists are: (a) its lack of sufficient English-language publications and "high class" Chinese language publications which could achieve the same support and reading public as the Ta Kung Pao of the Kuo-mintang Political Science Clique and, (b) its lack of English-speakers, returned students and other people who have travelled in Britain and the United States who could handle propaganda more subtly and who could work on publications which would appeal to the foreign public.

The Chinese Communists are now preparing for the day when there will be a revolution in China and/or a somewhat peaceful settlement of the present situation. For this reason, and for the reason that there are so few well-trained reporters and writers of the Party who are fluent in the English language, LU has started a journalism school in Yen-an. The primary aim of this school is to teach intelligent young Chinese Communists the English language and the techniques of propaganda. In order to transmit news and distribute publications, LU has set up a courier system between the major cities in China and emanating from Yen-an. Where it is possible radio com-munication is used.

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